

ARAMINTA L. ASHTON.

Biography from the Lehi Centennial History

Araminta Lawrence Ashton, the daughter of John and Rhoda Sanford Lawrence, was born in upper Canada, December 5, 1831.

With her parents she went to Missouri in 1838, and was there to share in the mob troubles and the expulsion of the Mormons in 1839, and they settled at Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, where they remained until the expulsion of the Saints from Nauvoo on account of their religion, in 1846.

She married Thomas Ashton, February 17, 1851, at Council Bluffs, and they emigrated to Utah the same year, settling in Lehi.

She was the mother of eleven children, three of whom preceded her to the Great Beyond. She raised and cared for fourteen children, two of her husband's first wife's and one granddaughter.

She would take her family and glean wool from the bushes, wash, card, spin, and weave it into cloth to clothe her family. She also wove cloth and carpets for others. She burned grease wood, gathered the ashes, leached, and used them to make soap in the place of lye. She helped in the cricket and grasshopper war.

She was an active member of the Mormon Church, and held the office of teacher in the Relief society, also in the Sabbath School. She also labored in the Mutual Improvement Association.

Being of a charitable disposition, she was always ready to help the poor and nurse the sick.

She died in Lehi, Utah, June 10, 1891, at the age of 59 years, 6 months, and 5 days.